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REMARKS

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Information

1. On 26 February 1954, the quarters of the Loewen Kaserne and Adler Kaserne in Daeberitz were about 70 percent lighted and seemed to be heavily occupied. There was much activity in the barracks sections Similar observations were made in the west section of the Flak Kaserne north of Highway No 103. 25X1

2. Between 25 February and 2 March, Hasenheidenberg cantonment appeared to be still occupied by a guard detail only.

3. The following observations were made at the troop-training grounds: 25X1

At noon on 25 February: heavy-machine-gun firing with live ammunition southeast of Hasenheidenberg and short-term AT gun firing with live ammunition.

At 1 p.m.: practice driving of 3 T-34/85 tanks in the area south of Dragonerwald.

At 2:10 p.m.: carbine firing with live ammunition on Am Kesselbruch and submachine-gun firing with live ammunition at the target range south of the Altes Lager Athletic field.

At 2:20 p.m.: carbine and heavy-machine-gun firing with live ammunition at the target ranges south of Highway No 103.

At 1:30 p.m. on 26 February: carbine and submachine-gun firing with live ammunition on Am Kesselbruch and submachine-gun firing with live ammunition at the target range south of Altes Lager athletic field.

At 2 p.m.: heavy-machine-gun firing with live ammunition at the target ranges south of Highway No 103.

At 10:20 a.m. on 1 March: light-machine-gun firing with live ammunition south of Hasenheidenberg.

At 11:30 a.m.: Carbine and submachine-gun firing on Am Kesselbruch, prior to late February, the 2501

At noon: heavy-machine-gun firing with live ammunition at the Altes Lager Athletic field (hill).

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From 10 to 10:30 a.m. on 2 March: Firing with live ammunition by a 154 tank southeast of Hasenheidenberg.

At noon: firing with live ammunition, presumably by air guns, from the direction of Kramnitz.

4. There was much activity in Altes Lager on most of the days between 20 February and 2 March. On 26 February, the quarters [redacted] were 50 to 70 percent lighted. [redacted] 25X1

5. On the morning of 28 February, heavy firing was heard ^{coming} from deep inside the training grounds south of Hamburger Chaussee. At about 3 a.m. on 1 March, a column of 12 trucks towing 12 x 76.2-mm ZIS-3 field guns and 3 other trucks came from Olympisches Dorf and proceeded toward Finkenkrug. Each of the trucks carried about 12 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with carbines. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] On 4 March, an unusually heavy detonation, the third during a period of two weeks, was heard from the direction of the training grounds. 25X1

6. The following large shipments were observed at Ballgow railroad station during the period from 28 February to 5 March: 25X1

At 4 a.m. on 28 February: arrival of 2 boxcars, 10 converted boxcars and 36 flatcars from Altengrabow.

At 2 a.m.: arrival of 2 boxcars, 10 converted boxcars and 31 flatcars from Altengrabow. Observed were about 20 x 120-mm mortars, 35 trucks [redacted] and about 160 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

At noon: arrival of 3 boxcars, 6 converted boxcars and 20 flatcars from Altengrabow. Observed were 4 M-13 rocket launchers, 6 x 85-mm AT guns, about 20 trucks and about 150 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

At 3 p.m.: Arrival of 9 converted boxcars and 24 flatcars from Altengrabow. Observed were 12 x 85-mm AT guns and 25 trucks.

At 1 p.m. on 1 March: departure of a train consisting of 10 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 27 flatcars for Fuerstenberg on the Havel River. The shipment, which had been loaded at Ballgow [redacted] included 36 trucks [redacted] 10 x 85-mm AT guns and about 180 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

At 3 a.m. on 4 March: departure of a train consisting of 11 converted boxcars, 26 flatcars and 1 boxcar for Altranau. The shipment which had been loaded in Ballgow, included 32 trucks [redacted] 10 x 85-mm AT guns and about 180 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

At 2 a.m. on 5 March: arrival of 27 flatcars, 10 converted boxcars and 1 boxcar from Fuerstenberg on the Havel River. No details were obtained.

1. [redacted] Comment. Report tends to indicate that units of the 1st Mech Div and 2d Light Arty Brig [redacted] continued practice firing and training in the area of the Boeberitz troop training grounds up to early March. 25X1 25X1

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2. [redacted] Comment. Return movement of artillery units of the 1st [redacted] which had transferred to Altengrabow in four shipments on 24 February. [redacted]

3. [redacted] Comment. Shipments of units of the 2d Light Arty Brig [redacted] the shipment on 1 March had gone to Fuerstenberg [redacted] had returned to Doseberitz on 4 March. It is possible that AT artillery units conducted practice firing in the Lychen-Sutzenberg area. [redacted] the shipment on 4 March had gone to Altzuppin [redacted] According to observations at the post, the units apparently engaged in combat firing practice west of Neuglienicke. [redacted]

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